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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate in September was unchanged from August at 9.0 percent, according to estimates based largely on the Department of Labor's monthly survey of labor force characteristics. Both total employment and unemployment declined slightly, primarily due to the usual exit of summer jobholders and jobseekers from the labor force this time of year. Approximately 60,900 New Mexicans were jobless in September, 6,400 more than one year ago. The nation's unemployment rate this September was 6.8 percent, compared with 6.7 percent in August and 6.9 percent in September 1985.

According to the monthly survey of New Mexico business and government payrolls, total nonfarm employment rose by 3,600 jobs during September. The majority of the additional jobs were in state and local government and in transportation; the increases were due to the start of the new school term. Those gains were partially offset by seasonal losses in construction and in tourism-related subsectors of trade and services such as eating and lodging places, service stations, summer youth camps, and amusement & recreational facilities. Unfortunately, the ailing mining industry again reported layoffs during the month, with 200 fewer jobs in oil & gas extraction and a decline of 100 in metal mining.

Nonagricultural payroll employment growth from a year ago was a very restrained 0.5 percent (+2,400 jobs). Moderate job gains of between two and three percent were reported in trade, services, and finance, insurance, and real estate; however, much of this growth was offset by substantial losses in mining and smaller reductions in communications and utilities. In mining, 5,600 jobs have been lost since last year, mostly in the oil & gas category.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	679,300	682,800	651,700	-3,500	+27,600
Employment	618,400	621,500	597,200	-3,100	+21,200
Unemployment	60,900	61,300	54,500	- 400	+6,400
Rate	9.0%	9.0%	8.4%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP CHANGE FROM SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	527,300	523,700	524,900	3,600	2,400
MINING	14,600	14,900	20,200	-300	-5,600
Metal Mining	2,200	2,300	3,000	-100	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	4,100	0	-500
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,800	9,000	13,100	-200	-4,300
CONSTRUCTION	38,000	38,600	37,800	-600	200
MANUFACTURING	38,400	38,100	38,200	300	200
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,300	24,300	100	100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,800	6,600	6,600	200	200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,000	13,800	13,900	200	100
Food & Kindred Products	5,300	5,100	5,000	200	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,100	27,200	30,100	900	-2,000
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	11,800	13,300	1,000	-500
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,800	6,200	100	-300
Other Transportation	4,500	3,600	4,700	900	-200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,300	15,400	16,800	-100	-1,500
Communication	6,600	6,700	7,200	-100	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,700	8,700	9,600	0	-900
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,600	130,300	126,100	-700	3,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,600	22,800	23,100	-200	-500
Durable Goods	13,600	13,700	13,700	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	9,000	9,100	9,400	-100	-400
RETAIL TRADE	107,000	107,500	103,000	-500	4,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
General Merchandise Stores	12,800	12,700	11,800	100	1,000
Food Stores	16,300	16,500	15,000	-200	1,300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,900	13,100	13,000	-200	-100
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,700	5,700	-100	-100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,300	4,500	100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	38,200	38,500	36,700	-300	1,500
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,700	11,600	100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,400	26,400	25,700	0	700
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,100	0	100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	100
Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,600	5,600	5,200	0	400
SERVICES	117,500	119,700	114,200	-2,200	3,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,900	13,400	11,800	-500	1,100
Personal Services	5,700	5,800	5,600	-100	100
Business Services	27,400	27,400	26,400	0	1,000
Health Services	27,600	27,700	27,200	-100	400
Legal Services	4,000	4,100	3,700	-100	300
Educational Services	3,900	3,400	3,900	500	0
Social Services	7,800	7,400	7,300	400	500
Membership Organizations	5,600	7,000	6,200	-1,400	-600
Other Services	22,600	23,500	22,100	-900	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	134,700	128,500	132,600	6,200	2,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,400	30,000	29,500	-600	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,300	98,500	103,100	6,800	2,200
State Government 2/	48,900	44,000	47,800	4,900	1,100
Local Government	56,400	54,500	55,300	1,900	1,100

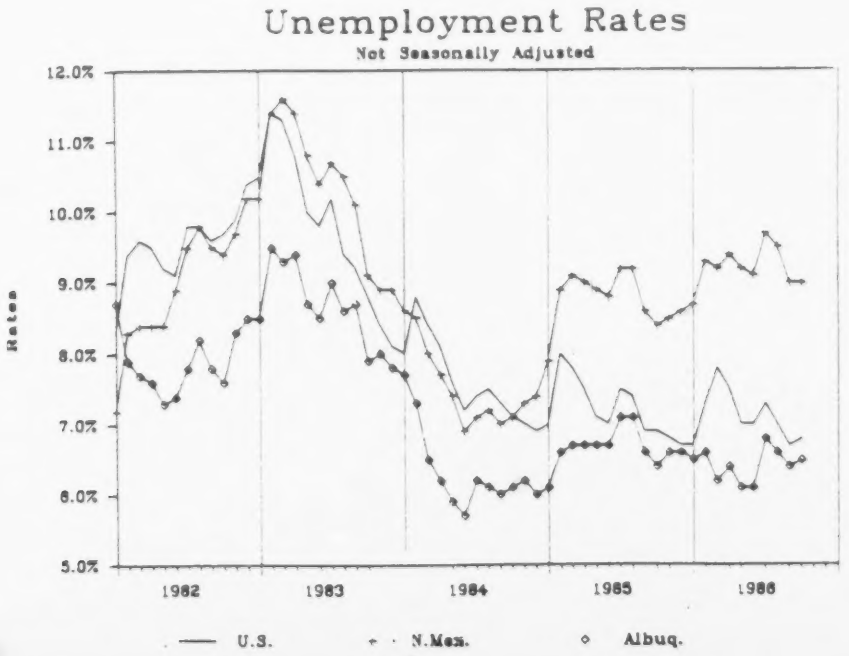
1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

There was very little change in the Albuquerque area unemployment situation in September, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The total number of unemployed individuals crept up by only 100 between August and September, pushing the unemployment rate upward one-tenth of a percentage point to 6.5%. This is the first month this year that Albuquerque's unemployment rate has exceeded the rate for the corresponding month of 1985.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, as measured by the survey of employers, rose by 400 jobs between August and September. Hiring of temporary workers at the New Mexico State Fair and re-staffing of public schools and the university for the fall term contributed most of the job gains in the government sector, while the recall by school bus contractors of workers who had been furloughed last June caused most of the advance in transportation, communication, and public utilities. Over-the-month job losses were recorded in trade, services, and contract construction. Membership organizations contributed heavily to the drop in services jobs as summer recreation programs came to a close. The over-the-month decline of 400 jobs in construction approximates seasonal expectations, but the loss of 700 construction jobs since September 1985 is quite notable and indicative of regional and local trends toward a slower pace in urban development.

The large drop in construction employment over the year was concentrated in the building and special trades sectors. Heavy construction actually shows a sizeable job increase since September 1985, which is probably the result of numerous public works projects such as sewer, street, highway, and bridge work. Except for construction, all other industrial divisions displayed modest job growth over the past twelve months. Major industrial groups with strong employment gains since a year ago include eating and drinking places, food stores, hotels and lodging places, general merchandise stores, business services, electrical and electronic machinery manufacturers, health services, and agricultural services (principally veterinary services and landscape and horticultural services).

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1986	Sep. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	255,400	257,200	245,300	-1,800	+10,100
Employment	238,900	240,800	229,500	-1,900	+9,400
Unemployment	16,500	16,400	15,800	+ 100	+ 700
Rate	6.5%	6.4%	6.4%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP CHANGE FROM SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	226,100	225,700	223,500	400	2,600
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,200	18,600	18,900	-400	-700
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,500	19,200	0	300
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,400	0	400
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,400	11,800	12,300	600	100
Transportation	6,100	5,600	5,800	500	300
Communication	3,900	3,800	4,000	100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,400	58,600	57,400	-200	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,200	14,200	-100	-100
Durable Goods	9,500	9,600	9,500	-100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,700	0	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,300	44,400	43,200	-100	1,100
General Merchandise Stores	5,000	4,800	4,700	200	300
Food Stores	5,300	5,400	4,900	-100	400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,700	4,800	4,800	-100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,700	16,800	16,200	-100	500
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,600	12,600	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,700	13,700	13,400	0	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,900	3,800	3,700	100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,600	6,700	6,600	-100	0
SERVICES	58,700	59,500	57,300	-800	1,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,900	3,500	0	400
Personal Services	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Business Services	18,800	18,900	18,500	-100	300
Health Services	13,300	13,500	13,100	-200	200
Social Services	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,900	1,700	-300	-100
Other Services	15,300	15,500	14,700	-200	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,900	43,700	44,700	1,200	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	13,200	12,600	-300	300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,000	30,500	32,100	1,500	-100
State Government	13,100	11,900	14,000	1,200	-900
Local Government	18,900	18,600	18,100	300	800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
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LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP CHANGE FROM SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	41,300	38,750	36,450	2,550	4,850
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	3,000	2,500	-200	300
MANUFACTURING	3,400	3,350	3,450	50	-50
Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	1,150	-50	150
Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,000	2,300	100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,400	1,350	50	100
Transportation	600	550	550	50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,200	8,200	7,550	0	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,400	7,400	6,750	0	650
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	900	0	50
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,700	0	500
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,500	0	150
SERVICES	5,600	5,550	5,100	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	550	0	100
Business Services	1,000	1,000	850	0	150
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,350	0	150
Social Services	350	300	350	50	0
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	18,200	15,600	15,000	2,600	3,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	13,600	10,900	10,300	2,700	3,300
State Government	7,700	6,400	5,500	1,300	2,200
Local Government	5,900	4,500	4,800	1,400	1,100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM SEP 1986	REVISED AUG 1986	REVISED SEP 1985	SEP CHANGE FROM AUG 1986	SEP CHANGE FROM SEP 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,050	52,450	51,350	-1,400	-300
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,600	3,600	-100	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,650	0	-100
Durable Goods	950	950	950	0	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,100	10,400	10,100	-300	0
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,400	9,700	9,400	-300	0
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Food Stores	1,400	1,450	1,300	-50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,900	3,700	-200	0
Other Retail Trade	2,500	2,550	2,550	-50	-50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,100	1,950	-50	100
SERVICES	13,250	13,500	12,700	-250	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,100	2,150	1,750	-50	350
Business Services	3,000	2,900	3,100	100	-100
Health Services	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,900	5,300	4,700	-400	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,400	20,100	20,100	-700	-700
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,600	1,700	-100	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	17,900	18,500	18,400	-600	-500
State Government 4/	14,700	15,200	15,000	-500	-300
Local Government	3,200	3,300	3,400	-100	-200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.
2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.
3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.
4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory..

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985
MINING	$498.08	$499.20	$497.35	40.2	39.4	42.4	12.39	12.67	11.73
CONSTRUCTION	$404.74	$407.86	$411.06	37.2	37.8	36.8	10.88	10.79	11.17
MANUFACTURING	$345.07	$337.26	$343.48	39.8	38.9	40.6	8.67	8.67	8.46
Durable Goods	$342.55	$342.14	$344.57	40.3	39.6	40.3	8.50	8.64	8.55
Nondurable Goods	$349.46	$326.75	$341.96	38.7	37.3	41.3	9.03	8.76	8.28
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$570.78	$585.19	$484.18	42.5	44.4	43.0	13.43	13.18	11.26
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$218.99	$219.43	$221.09	32.3	32.8	32.9	6.78	6.69	6.72
Wholesale Trade	$371.79	$378.81	$360.71	40.5	41.4	41.7	9.18	9.15	8.65
Retail Trade	$191.58	$189.38	$193.75	30.8	31.2	31.2	6.22	6.07	6.21
BANKING	$223.49	$218.68	$222.88	38.8	37.9	39.8	5.76	5.77	5.60
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985	SEP 1986	AUG 1986	SEP 1985
MANUFACTURING	$340.94	$346.14	$336.91	40.3	39.2	40.3	$8.46	$8.83	8.36
Durable Goods	$366.21	$356.57	$343.26	40.6	40.2	39.5	$9.02	$8.87	8.69
Nondurable Goods	$291.00	$318.42	$321.39	39.7	36.6	42.4	$7.33	$8.70	7.58

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Construction is underway on the new Employment Security Department service center near Broadway and Edith Boulevard. Lionel Play World, a toy warehouse, tentatively plans to open near San Mateo and Montgomery around the first of November with a work force of about 150. The Pyramid Plaza Holiday Inn expects to soon be hiring about 300 workers in anticipation of a December opening. Construction is expected to begin in November on Courtyard II, a $2.5 million, 32,500-square-foot office complex, to be built adjacent to Courtyard I in the Journal Center. Among New Mexico projects funded by the recently passed military construction bill is the $16 million project to renovate the Kirtland Air Force Base medical facility; an additional $13 million was approved for a variety of other projects at Kirtland. The VF Factory Outlet store on the West Mesa has closed, costing the jobs of 45 employees. Plans for a Radison Suite Hotel to be built in the American Square development have been cancelled by the project's developer. American Square officials are talking to other hotel chains in hopes of bringing in a replacement high-rise hotel. Meanwhile, construction of the retail portion of American Square is underway; and lease agreements have been obtained from prospective anchor stores Federated Electronics and Cost Plus Imports. Construction is expected to begin shortly on Vista del Norte, a $2.5 million, 16-store, 22,700-square-foot neighborhood shopping center at Louisiana and San Antonio Blvds., N.E. Protests by various individuals and groups have put in jeopardy Centex American Gypsum Company's wallboard plant proposed for construction in Algodones.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Announcement of the location of the $500 million Strategic Defense Initiative laser project facility is expected by this January, according to Pentagon officials. The three White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) area sites being considered for the facility are near Orogrande, near San Antonio, and a site

north of the current WSMR headquarters near the NASA test site. The huge project is expected to employ between 500 and 2,000 construction workers and have a 250 operational work force.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Western-Ag Minerals recalled its potash mine workers on October 10 after a two-month shutdown. Western-Ag employs approximately 125 workers. Officials at another area potash operation, International Mining and Minerals Corp. (IMC), have indicated they are planning a four-week shutdown sometime before December. IMC employs about 550 workers at the Carlsbad facility. The Department of Energy has announced that the $35 million TRUPACT container fabrication and assembly plant for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project will be located at the Carlsbad Industrial Park. LAR-CO Development of Carlsbad was awarded the contract to construct a 24,000-square-foot building at Carlsbad's industrial park which will house the TRUPACT facilities. The facility is expected to be completed early next year, and Westinghouse will employ fifty workers manufacturing 21 TRUPACT containers at the site over the next three years. TRUPACT's will be used to transport transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Project.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Froz-fruit Inc. has begun remodeling work at its 78,000-square-foot plant in Clovis which will enable the facility to produce a new line of ice cream products. Work is expected to be completed by early next year, in time to increase production for the 1987 season. Froz-fruit employed more than 200 workers during the summer months of this year, and at least that number and possibly more should be employed in 1987.

FARMINGTON AREA: Groundbreaking ceremonies have been held for the Navajo Dam hydroelectric power plant project. C. H. Taylor Co. of Albuquerque has been awarded a $2.8 million contract to build the new Kirtland Elementary School; construction should take about one year.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Fifty engineers employed by the Santa Fe Railway are scheduled to be transferred from Gallup to Belen about the end of October. McKinley County has been awarded a $200,000 Community Development Block Grant to build a new community health center. The Gallup Family Health Center has received a $214,000 federal grant to expand services at its three area clinics.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Construction has begun on the AMOCO CO_2 recovery plant near Denver City, TX, about 25 miles east of Lovington. An AMOCO spokesman said about 160 workers are currently on the project and by early spring as many as 350 will be employed. The other CO_2 recovery plant slated for the Denver City area, the ARCO facility, is scheduled for construction beginning this December. Both plants are expected to be operational late next year. As part of its reorganization efforts, El Paso Natural Gas Company will close its Plant No. 4 near Jal before the end of the year. El Paso officials said they will place as many of the affected workers as possible in other jobs in its Permian Division.

Retraction: Chaparral Services Inc. did not close as reported in the August 29, 1986 issue of this newsletter.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Sporadic rains during October caused some delays in the harvest of area red chile and other vegetable crops. Although chile wilt, caused by the wet weather, ruined some fields in Dona Ana County, green chile yields were reported above normal, ranging from 12 to 13 tons per acre. Joy Canning, a vegetable processing firm located south of Las Cruces, laid off 270 seasonal workers during October. A Colorado-based convenience chain, Go-Fer Food Stores, opened the first of several stores planned for the Las Cruces area.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory has been awarded a new defense contract to develop and improve armor and anti-armor technology for use in conventional tactical battlefield weapons such as anti-tank weapons. The contract is for $3 million in the first year and is expected to last for at least five more years and be worth a total of about $76 million over that time period. Mason and Hanger has again been awarded the contract to provide security services for Los Alamos National Laboratory; the contract is for about $14 million a year and could

extend to seven years duration. Mason and Hanger currently has about 314 employees in Los Alamos.

RATON AREA: La Mesa Park race track has closed for the season, and 250 seasonal employees have been laid off. Sofia Exploration Co. is planning a test well to search for carbon dioxide near the abandoned settlement of Sofia, about 30 miles west of Clayton; the company recently completed seismic testing in the area. A new business, Picture Perfect Produce, recently started up in Clayton and now employs 25 workers sorting, sacking, and shipping locally-grown potatoes to points as far away as Mississippi.

ROSWELL AREA: Steel Distributors, Inc. (SDI) has opened a warehouse operation at the Roswell Industrial Air Center (RIAC) which will stock steel and aluminum products for use in construction and industrial projects. The Roswell warehouse is one of eight such operations operated around the country by SDI. International Products Distributing, Inc., a candy manufacturer at RIAC, will undergo a $120,000 expansion of its facilities which will double the firm's current work force of 15.

SANTA FE AREA: The new La Quinta Motel in Santa Fe is scheduled to open soon with 35 to 40 employees. Radio Shack plans to open its fourth Santa Fe outlet sometime in November in De Vargas Center Mall; the Cordova Road store thereafter will serve only business customers. The Adobe Motel and Restaurant on Cerrillos Road has been demolished; two new restaurants, Polle de Asado and Skippers, are among the businesses planned to occupy the property. Empire Block Co., a manufacturer of concrete blocks which had employed 20 workers, has been shut down because of bankruptcy.

SILVER CITY AREA: A training program sponsored by the Operating Engineers Local 953 and the Employment Security Department is training 13 unemployed copper workers in heavy equipment operation at the Grant County industrial park. The six-month training program is intended to aid laid off copper workers. Public Works grants ranging from $100,000 to $300,000 were recently awarded to the communities of Silver City, Central, Bayard, and Hurley for street improvements, waste water system improvements, and other capital projects.

TAOS AREA: Taos Lodge is now open for business in the former Holiday Inn facility; the management hopes to reopen the restaurant shortly. The Taos County government has laid off 14 employees and reduced the hours of nine others to half-time in an effort to meet budget targets. Officials of the Village of Questa have eliminated the village administrator's position and one other position and have asked all other village employees to accept 20 percent pay cuts; a 46 percent reduction in gross receipts tax revenues during the July-September quarter made the austerity measures necessary. Mesa Airlines has contracted with Angel Fire Ski Resort to provide one flight per day from Albuquerque to Angel Fire during the coming ski season. All area ski resorts are expected to begin staffing up during the next four to six weeks.

TUCUMCARI AREA: Alco Stores, Inc. is expected to open their new store in Tucumcari in early November with a staff of approximately 50. Gaylord Brothers of Albuquerque has begun a runway rehabilitation project at the Tucumcari Municipal Airport.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

September 1986	14,902
August 1986	15,093
September 1985	15,058

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1986				REVISED AUGUST 1986				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	679,324	618,415	60,909	9.0%	682,812	621,485	61,327	9.0%	651,718	597,177	54,541	8.4%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	255,393	238,870	16,523	6.5%	257,180	240,784	16,396	6.4%	245,291	229,493	15,798	6.4%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	57,894	53,626	4,268	7.4%	55,922	52,041	3,881	6.9%	49,722	45,551	4,171	8.4%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,719	59,492	3,227	5.1%	64,837	61,515	3,322	5.1%	59,539	56,558	2,981	5.0%
Catron	1,249	1,134	115	9.2%	1,273	1,153	120	9.4%	1,009	893	116	11.5%
Chaves	23,458	21,348	2,110	9.0%	23,302	21,170	2,132	9.1%	23,641	21,703	1,938	8.2%
Cibola	8,838	7,318	1,520	17.2%	8,982	7,350	1,632	18.2%	8,625	6,729	1,896	22.0%
Colfax	7,023	6,209	814	11.6%	7,866	7,046	820	10.4%	6,883	6,226	657	9.5%
Curry	17,726	16,328	1,398	7.9%	17,349	16,244	1,105	6.4%	16,594	15,387	1,207	7.3%
De Baca	1,034	927	107	10.3%	987	900	87	8.8%	956	855	101	10.6%
Eddy	22,639	19,440	3,199	14.1%	23,021	19,755	3,266	14.2%	21,883	19,692	2,191	10.0%
Grant	9,923	8,830	1,093	11.0%	10,154	8,923	1,231	12.1%	10,050	8,139	1,911	19.0%
Guadalupe	1,760	1,560	200	11.4%	1,767	1,549	218	12.3%	1,601	1,416	185	11.6%
Harding	527	481	46	8.7%	534	490	44	8.2%	540	496	44	8.1%
Hidalgo	2,451	2,285	166	6.8%	2,394	2,259	135	5.6%	2,429	2,220	209	8.6%
Lea	25,665	21,808	3,857	15.0%	25,495	21,824	3,671	14.4%	26,682	25,117	1,565	5.9%
Lincoln	8,306	7,775	531	6.4%	8,496	8,081	415	4.9%	8,365	7,866	499	6.0%
Luna	6,120	5,360	760	12.4%	6,070	5,267	803	13.2%	5,675	4,841	834	14.7%
McKinley	17,307	15,012	2,295	13.3%	17,313	14,807	2,506	14.5%	16,939	14,725	2,214	13.1%
Mora	1,362	928	434	31.9%	1,386	965	421	30.4%	1,397	1,085	312	22.3%
Otero	17,792	16,537	1,255	7.1%	18,017	16,703	1,314	7.3%	16,820	15,531	1,289	7.7%
Quay	4,708	4,292	416	8.8%	4,690	4,279	411	8.8%	4,664	4,232	432	9.3%
Rio Arriba	12,953	10,664	2,289	17.7%	12,898	10,477	2,421	18.8%	13,407	11,343	2,064	15.4%
Roosevelt	7,694	7,310	384	5.0%	6,646	6,316	330	5.0%	7,218	6,833	385	5.3%
Sandoval	22,656	20,651	2,005	8.8%	22,928	20,935	1,993	8.7%	21,229	19,554	1,675	7.9%
San Juan	34,907	29,176	5,731	16.4%	35,490	29,269	6,221	17.5%	34,339	29,896	4,443	12.9%
San Miguel	9,818	8,638	1,180	12.0%	9,729	8,489	1,240	12.7%	9,482	8,332	1,150	12.1%
Sierra	2,485	2,331	154	6.2%	2,416	2,262	154	6.4%	2,344	2,125	219	9.3%
Socorro	5,726	5,188	538	9.4%	5,666	5,166	500	8.8%	5,231	4,829	402	7.7%
Taos	9,508	7,285	2,223	23.4%	10,231	7,669	2,562	25.0%	10,475	8,699	1,776	17.0%
Torrance	3,147	2,822	325	10.3%	3,190	2,866	324	10.2%	3,406	3,050	356	10.5%
Union	2,158	2,004	154	7.1%	2,229	2,059	170	7.6%	2,202	2,092	110	5.0%
Valencia	14,378	12,786	1,592	11.1%	14,354	12,872	1,482	10.3%	13,080	11,669	1,411	10.8%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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LEA COUNTY CLASSIFIED LABOR SURPLUS AREA

Effective October 1, 1986, the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration added Lea County to the list of New Mexico civil jurisdictions classified as Labor Surplus Areas (LSA's). Employers located in LSA's can be given preference in bidding on federal procurement contracts. The purpose in providing such preference is to help direct the government dollars into areas where people are in the most severe economic need. Following is the current list of Labor Surplus Areas in New Mexico.

Catron County
Cibola County
Colfax County
Eddy County
Grant County
Guadalupe County
Lea County
Luna County
McKinley County
Mora County
Rio Arriba County
San Juan County
San Miguel County
Taos County
Torrance County
Valencia County